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SUBJ: KHMER PRESS COVERAGE OF LON NOL STATEMENT TO CODEL

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1. LON NOL'S STATEMENT TO CODEL (REFTEL) AND THE SUBSEQUENT INTERPRETATION GIVEN BY THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS TO THE EFFECT THAT HE IS WILLING TO STEP DOWN HAS NOW BEEN PICKED UP IN THE PHNOM PENH PRIVATE PRESS. ONE KHMER LANGUAGE DAILY HAS DESCRIBED THE MARSHAL AS SAYING THAT HE WOULD STEP ASIDE SHOULD THE GREATER INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY DEMAND IT AND IN ORDER TO REMOVE OBSTACLES TO PEACE. THE PAPER PRAISED THIS AS AN EXAMPLE OF LON NOL'S PATRIOTIC SPIRIT.

2. ALTHOUGH THE MARSHAL HAS UPON OCCASION IN THE PAST HINTED OBLIQUELY ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS DEPARTURE, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT A NEWSPAPER HAS PORTRAYED HIM SO DEFINITELY TO KHMER READERS AS READY TO LEAVE. THE PAPER IN QUESTION HAS NOT BEEN SUSPENDED OR PENALIZED, AND WE ANTICIPATE MORE SUCH ARTICLES IN THE DAYS AHEAD.
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